ANN WILSON

As lead singer for **Heart**, Ann Wilson has always been known as one of the important figures in rock history. On both aggressive rock material and acoustically based songs, her soaring vocals - a blend of the tough and tender - have set a standard.

In tandem with her continuing role in Heart (the group she co-founded with her sister Nancy), Ann Wilson with longtime Heart member Howard Leese will embark on a series of dates - performing Heart material along with some of her favorite cover tunes.

The beginnings of Ann Wilson and Heart go back to the Pacific Northwest club circuit in the 70s, where they sometimes played up to four sets a night. In 1976, the band released their debut album, the multi-platinum Dreamboat Annie which produced two classic singles, "Crazy On You" and "Magic Man." Twenty-five million records sold, 21 top 40 hits and worldwide arena tours followed.

In 1992, yearning to get back to their club roots, Ann and Nancy Wilson formed the Lovemongers, an acoustic side project whose recording of Led Zeppelin's "Battle of Evermore" was included in the best-selling soundtrack to "Singles." A four track EP on Capitol was released shortly afterward.

Building their own studio and revitalized by their musically exploding hometown of Seattle, Heart was inspired to simultaneously stretch out and return to their twin roots of hard rock and acoustic flavorings on Desire Walks On. A U.S. tour of theaters which featured separate acoustic and electric performances came on the heels of the release.

Next up for Heart is the August release of The Road Home (Capitol). It is an acoustic live album - 15 songs featured in more than 70 minutes - that marks their 20th anniversary in the rock world. Produced and arranged by John Paul Jones (the former bassist for Led Zeppelin), the album allows listeners to joyfully reconnect with reinterpretations of the beloved songs of rock's most famous sisters.

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